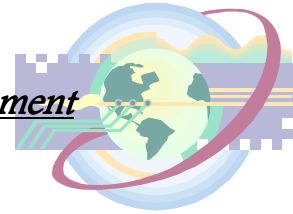


## **Citizens Committee on U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement**



### **Mission:**

1. Encourage citizens to be a part of the solution
2. Encourage City staff and citizens to conserve current resources
3. Work with the City Council to implement ideas
4. Effectively address the future impacts of climate change

### **Committee Members:**

**Members:** Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau

**City Staff:** Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Rob Chave, Jen Machuga, Jim Stevens, Linda Carl

### **Meeting Agenda**

**May 8, 2008**

1. PCC Natural Markets	Trudy Bialic, Director of Public Affairs/Editor  Diana Crane, Communications Manager  Janice Parker, Board of Trustees Administrator
2. Update on comprehensive plan and code rewrite activities	Rob & Jen
3. Miscellaneous	All
4. Next month's meeting date – <b>Wednesday, June 11 (second Wednesday)</b>	

### **Meeting Notes**

**April 3, 2008**

#### **1. Draft City building policy**

Rob distributed a draft resolution for the City's sustainable building policy. He and Jen discussed the draft, which is modeled after Seattle's policy. Rob asked that the committee review the draft policy and then make a recommendation to the City Council.

The question was asked how many City buildings this policy would apply to; Noel stated that there are none currently. But adopting this policy sets a standard for a goal from this point forward for any City projects and new buildings to be built.

Jim stated that the baseline payback period for LEED silver is about five years; the higher LEED levels will cost more with a longer payback period. This is based on utility costs and savings. A study of cost benefits reflects that a remodel is more costly than new construction. There isn't a huge increase in cost until you pass the gold level—three to five percent more in the front end, but you make it up after five-plus years.

This policy is in line with other cities and the county.

There were suggested changes to Section 4 and Section 7, including life-cycle costing. These suggestions will be included in the final draft.

Bob Freeman asked if during the renovation of an existing building could/would it be required to be brought up to LEED standard. Rob indicated that only if it exceeds the threshold; however, all renovations would use LEED or Energy Star measures to the extent feasible.

Carolyn remarked that this was a good time to be adopting this when there are no ongoing projects within the City.

John Dewhirst asked if these policies would apply to a new aquatics center or any project with City participation; the answer is yes.

*The committee unanimously recommended the policy be brought forward to the Council's CS/DS Committee.* Rob stated that Linda would email the committee a final copy.

## **2. Consideration of Cascade Agenda Cities program**

Rob discussed this program and provided handouts. This is a nonprofit organization and Rob has attended their meetings. Shoreline is a member at no cost; Rob indicated that there appears to be no risk and some benefits. The City can withdraw if it requires too much staff time. Depending on the level of involvement, the program could eventually incur some cost. The City Council needs to pass a resolution and designate a liaison (probably Rob).

*The committee unanimously recommended to bring this item forward to the Council's CS/DS Committee and recommended Rob as the liaison.*

## **Miscellaneous**

Rob indicated that the City's draft comprehensive plan should be available at our next climate protection meeting in May.

Sally discussed "Local Solutions to Global Warming Act," which was just signed and could potentially provide demonstration grant funds.

Wayne discussed a Port of Seattle study on greenhouse-gas emissions relating to the airport that will be released by the end of the year. Also, a cruise-ship study throughout Puget Sound could relate to local port emissions. The committee spent some time discussing airport emissions.

Carolyn reminded everyone of the classes and speaker series at CRI. You don't have to be old to attend!

Wes asked when to expect the City's research and data collection on GHG emissions. Steve is still working on setting up parameters and will complete the study as soon as possible.

Janice asked if the City could reduce power usage at the treatment plant with solar panels. Noel stated that the plant has completed a number of power-saving efficiencies; there is more pollution by cars than the treatment plant. He indicated that all lots must hook up to our sewer, system; you would not want septic systems instead of a treatment plant as this also contributes to pollution.

Bob discussed a recent meeting of Sustainable Edmonds; Cary Guenther and Rob Chave were guest speakers and talked about green buildings. Over 20 people attended the meeting. Their next meeting is April 16 at the high school; speakers from PUD will attend.